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JIM BLANKER AND THE QUAKER.

A Most Amusing Story.

There lived in a certain neighborhood, not far distant from here, a roystering, rowdy bully, named Jim Blanker. Jim was "sum" in a fight, a kind of pugilistic Napolcon.

Many and bloody were the affairs he had in his lifetime, and as invariably came off first best. Jim not only considered himself invulnerable, but all the fighting characters in the surrounding country conceded it was no use fighting Jim, as he was considered to be a patent threshing machine that could not be improved on. In Jim's neighborhood had settled quite a number of Quakers. From some cause or other, Jim hated the "shad bellies," as he called them, that to whip one of these inoffensive people ground. would be the crowning glory of his life. For years Jim waited for a pretext. One a lessen, and I hope it will be a wholesome of Jim's chums overheard a young Quaker speak in disparaging terms of him. The report soon came to Jim's ears not a little | thy arms, thus, so that thou cannot injure magnified. Jim made desperate threats what he was going to do with Nathan, the meek follower of Penn, on sight, besides the taming thy fierce and warlike nature, and various bruises and contusions he meant to making a better and more peaceful man of perused not only with pleasure, but with juffict on Nathan's body, in his chaste lan- thee." guage, he meant to gouge out both eyes and chaw off both ears.

Nathan heard of Jim's threats; and properly kept out of his way, hoping that time would modify his anger. It seems, however, that this much desired result did not take place. One day Nathan was out riding, and passing through a long lane, when about midway, he espied Jim entering the other end. Nathan might have turned and fled, but his flesh rebelled at retreating.

"I will pursue my way seaceably," said the Quaker, "and I hope the better sense of the man of wrath will not permit him to molest me, or allow him to do violence to my person."

Nathan's calculations as to the lamb-like qualities of his adversary, were doomed to be disappointed.

"Oh ho!" thought the bully, as he recognized Nathan, "I have him at last. Now I'll make mince meat of shad belly! I will Jim by the throat. He compressed his salt and pickle him too?" said Jim seizing the bridle of Nathan's horse, and mimicking his style; "my heart yearned above all things to give you the biggest mauling that going a process of strangulation. The ever a man received."

must not molest me, but let me go my way in peace. Thy better judgment will surely tell the that thou cannot possibly be benefit. ted by personally injuring me."

"Get down in a moment!" thundered let me up." Jim; "get down, you canting, lying, misor inagazine with the higher and graver chief-making hypocrite. I'll drag you down replied Nathan. "Thou art now underif you don't dismount."

> "Friend James, I remonstrate against thy proceeding and against thy language," replied Nathan. "My religion teaches me sincerity. I am neither a liar, a mischiefmaker, nor a hypocrite: I am no coward, but a man of peace; I desire to pursue my way quietly-let me pass on."

"Get down persisted Jim, "down with you! I want to beat some of your religion table; and that a properly conducted periodical out of you I must give you a flogging bethrough with you, you will pass for a tolerable honest man. I will teach you, in a short and easy lesson, the importance of e open to competent writers for free o scussion | minding your own business, and the risk you run in slandering your neighbors."

"You won't won't you?" said Jim, "then bliners, and as far as possible, of all personal here goes," and he made a desperate lunge or biss. Wholesome castigations of public

Nathan was on his feet in an instant, on the opposite side of the horse.

proportions than his persecutor, was all ter yield. sinew and muscle, and his well knit form denoted both activity and strength. His Godly sorrow." wrath was evidently enkindled.

"Friend James," he implored, "thy pertinacious persistance in persecuting me is exceedingly annoying: thou must desist peradventure, I may so forget myself as to do thee some bodily harm."

"By snakes!" said Jim, coming towards | Dost thou recall those assertions?" Nathau, "I believe there is fight enough in Broadbrim to make the affair interesting. I wish some of the boys were here to see the fun. Now," continued Jim, "friend your nose look out."

various pugilistic gyrations with his fists, more peaceful life, that thou wilt love thy made a scientic blow at the usual formation

Jim was evidently disconcerted at the ill success of his first attempt-he saw he had undertaken quite as much as he was likely to accomplish. James, however, straightened himself out, and approaching Nathan more cautiously. The contest began again. Nathan stood his ground firmly, and skil fully warded off the shower of blows which James simed at him.

"Friend James," said Nathan in the heart of the contest, "this is mere child's play. It grieves me that thou hast forced me into resistance, but I must defend myself from bodily harm. I see there is but one way of bringing this scandalous affair to a close, and that is by my conquering thes; in order to do this, I will inflict a heavy blow between thine eyes, which will prostrate

Following out the suggestion, Nathan struck Jim a tremendous blow on his fore with his entire heart; he often declared, head, which brought him senseless to the

> "Now," said Nathan, "I will teach thee lesson, too. I will seat myself a-straddle of thy breast-I will place my knees upon ms when thou returnest to consciousness. I hope I may be the humble instrument of

As the Quaker concluded, Jim began to show some returning signs of life. The first impulse of Jim when he fairly saw his condition, was to turn Nathan off. He struggled desperately, but he was in a vice-his efforts were unavailing.

"Friend, thee must keep still until I am done with thee," said Nathan. "Ibelieve I am an humble instrument in the hands of Providence to chastise thee, and I trust when I am done with thee, thou wilt be a changed man. Friend James, does thou not repent attacking me ?"

"No, said Jim, with an oath, "let me up and I'll shew you."

"I will not let thee up, thou impious wretch," replied Nathan. "Darest thou profane the name of thy Maker. I will check thy respiration for a moment."

Nathan, as good as his word clutched grip-a gurgling sound could be heard-Jim's face became distorted-a tremor ran thro' his frame. He was evidently under-Quaker relaxed his hold, but not until the "Friend James," replied Nathan, "thou choking process had sufficiently, as be thought, tamed the preversed spirit of Jim. It took some moments for Jim to inhale sufficient air to address the Quaker.

"I knock under," said Jim, "enough!

"Nay, thou hast not got half enough," going a process of moral purification, and thou must be contented to remain where thou liest until I am done with thee. Thou just profuned the name of thy maker; confess, dost thou repent thy wickedness?"

"No, hanged if I do!" growled Jim. "Thou perverse man," replied Nathan,

in an imploring tone, "say that thou repentest thy wickedness."

"I'll be hanged if I do," said Jim.

"Wilt thou not," replied the Quaker; "must I use compulsory means? I will compress thy windpipe again, unless thou give me an answer in the affirmative-say quick, art thou sorry ?"

"No, I-I-y-e-s," shrieked Jim in a gurgling tone, as the Quaker tightened his grip, "Yes, I am sorry!"

" Is thy sorrow Godly sorrow?" inquired

Jim rather demurred to giving an affirm ative answer to this question, but a gentle The Quaker, although of much smaller squeeze admonished to him that he had bet-

"Yes," replied Jim, "my sorrow is a

"A godly sorrow leadeth to repentance," replied Nathan; "we are progressing finely. Thou said but just now that I was a canting, lying, cowardly, mischief-making hypocrite. Thou wronged me in asserting these things, and slandered my persuasion.

"Yes," replied Jim, "now let me go." "I am not done with thee yet," said Nathan; "thou hast been a disturber of the peace of this neighborhood time out of Nathan, I am going to knock off the end of mind-thy hand has been raised against every man-thou art a brawler. Wilt thou Suiting the action to the word, Jim, after promise me that in future thou wilt lead a neighbor as thyself?"

"Yes," answered Jim, hesitatingly, "all

ture, I self blen everybody would find

"Thou must make no exceptions," replied Nathan; "I insist on an affirmative answer."

A struggle now ensued between the two, but Jim had his match.

"Thou must yield, James, I insist on it," said Nathan, and he again grasped Jim by the threat, "I will choke thee into submission; thou must answer affirmatively; say after me, I promise to love my neighbor as myself, including the Quaker."

"I won't promise that, I'll be cursed if I do," replied Jim.

"I will check thy respiration, if thou don't. Wilt thou yield?"

"No I won't, I'll be blasted if I do," answered Jim.

"Thee had better give in; I will choke thee again, if thee does not; see, my grip tightens," replied Nathan.

And Nathan did compress his grasp, and the choking process went on. Jim's face first became' distorted, then purple; his tongue lolled out, and his eyes protruded from their sockets-his body writhing like a dying man's. Nathan persisted in hold ing his grip until Jim became entirely passive, he then relaxed his hold. Jim was slow in recovering his speech and his senses; when he did, he begged Nathan for mercy's | ing: sake to release him.

"When thee will make the promise I exact from thee, I will release thee, but no sooner," replied Nathan.

Jim saw he was powerless, and that the Quaker was resolute. He felt it was no use to persist in his stubbornness.

my neighbor as myself," he replied. "Including the Qaukers," insinuated Na-

"I will give in: I will promise to love

"Yes, including the Quakers," replied

"Thou mayest arise, then, friend James: and I trust the lesson thou hast learned to-day will make a more peaceable citizen of thee, and I hope a better man," answered

the field with his spirits completely cowed. Not long after this occurrence, the story scene of his many triumphs, and his late West. The last I heard of him ke was premoving into his neighborhood. He was under obligations to love them, but he was of an opinion that distance would lend strength to his attachment.

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A notable instance of this close dealing created a smile among the passengers in an omnibus last week, in which we happened to be riding. Most of the lines that run north have, recently, reduced their fare to three cents; some of the stages that go to Girard College excepted. We were riding in one of these stages, when an old lady, plainly dressed, and indicating in her whole appearance not only one who had renounced the love of worldly things, but who wished the world to give her credit for such renunciation, gave our driver the sign that she wished to ride. Before entering, however, she called out to him:

" Is this is three-cent empibus?"

What the reply was we did not hear. It seemed to be satisfactory to the old lady, for she immediately entered. After riding some thirteen or fourteen squares, she pulled the check-string with a decided jerk. As soon as the vehicle stopped, she handed the driver a twelve-and-a-half cent piece, say-

"You can give me ten cents, if you choose, or nine"-the nine was spoken half to herself, as if she did not mean it should reach the driver's ears, but rather intended it for the passengers.

"You gave me a levy," growled down the indignant driver, "and there's your fip. Ten cents if I choose !"

"Isn't this a three cent omnibus?" inquired the confounded old lady.

"No," said the driver.

"Oh, well." And she turned and bustled out, saying, as she did so, "You'll not take me in again, I know."

If two cents had been the price of a ride, this person would have considered ten cents out of her shilling deficient. A day or two ago we happened in a con-

Poor Jim was entirely humble; he left fectioner's, where a woman was chaffering and scolding about a cent which she demanded in change. She had bought a cont came bruited about. He soon after the candy, and in paying for it had given the confectioner, as we understood it, a quarter disastrous defeat, emigrated to the Far of a dollar. The change was a 124 cent piece, a 10 cent piece, and one penny, paring to make another move. Being press- making in all 231 cents. The woman said ed for his reasons why he again emigrated, another cent was due her, which the conhe said a colony of Quakers were about fectioner refused to give, as that would leave him only half a cent for his candy; and, moreover, he considered an elevenpenny-bit and eleven cents the best change that could be made. The woman, however, rather than not get the change demanded. gave back the candy, took her quarter, and

> "It isn't the first time che's done that," remarked the confectioner, as the woman retired. "It was only a trick to get the candy for nothing. I've humored her several times, but I'm not going to do it any longer."-Arthu's Home Gazette.

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